

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. General Remarks

Applicants respectfully request that the above amendments be entered and further request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the remarks contained herein. Additionally, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner accept and consider remarks submitted with their January 2, 2007 Request for Continued Examination, and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections to the pending claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

II. Remarks Regarding Non-Compliant Amendment

On January 2, 2007, Applicants filed an Amendment and Response and Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114 in response to the Final Office Action Mailed October 6, 2006 ("the January 2, 2007 Amendment.") (A copy of Applicants' January 2, 2007 Amendment is attached to this response for the Examiner's convenience.) On January 18, 2007, the Patent Office issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("the Notice"), indicating that a complete listing of claims was not present and that the claims of the amendment paper were not presented in ascending numerical order.

In the Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants inadvertently numbered claims 187-203 as claims 114-130. In Response to the Notice, Applicants hereby resubmit the Amendment to the Claims section from the Non-Complaint Amendment with appropriate corrections. The listing of the claims reflecting this revision begins on page 2. *This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.* Applicants apologize for any confusion their mistake may have caused, and respectfully request that the Examiner accept this listing of claims in place of the listing of claims in Applicants' January 2, 2007 Amendment.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner accept and consider Applicants' amendments to the claims and remarks submitted with their January 2, 2007 Amendment, and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections to the pending claims.

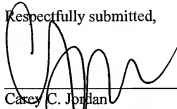
SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the Amendment is now compliant and is now in condition for examination by the Examiner. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the

prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0321.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carey C. Jordan', is written over a horizontal line.

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